# **Dickinson County**

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## Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

## **Promote Healthy Behaviors**

#### Problems/Needs:

- Alcohol/Drug-Ranked 26th in the State of Iowa. Many programs exist. We have made progress with this issue.
- Mental Health: Ranked 58th in Clinical care in the State of Iowa. We have access to Care Issues.
- Pregnancy and Birth: Ranked 26th in the State of Iowa. 2009 it was at a historic Iow at 39.1 per 1000.
- Wellness Programs: Address cardiovascular, cancer, asthma, diabetes, suicide rates

#### **Prevent Injuries**

#### Problems/Needs:

• Suicide Rate Higher (24.2) than the United States rate of 10.9.

#### **Protect Against Environmental Hazards**

#### Problems/Needs:

• Rated 97 of 99 counties in Physical Environment (Silver Lake-manure spill in March 2009), according to University of Wisconsin our low rating is due to our Liquor store density.

### **Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease**

#### Problems/Needs:

• Education on STD/HIV to school aged individuals. Siouxland District health department does our STD and HIV counseling and testing.

## Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

#### Problems/Needs:

• Ongoing issues. Working with EMA and the hospital in Emergency Preparedness Planning.

# **Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure**

Problems/Needs:

None identified

# Community Health Improvement Plan

		Who is	When?
Goal	Strategies	responsible?	(Timeline)
To become an Iowa Healthy	Educate the public on what CHNA & HIP is, by meeting with	Mary	within the next 2
Community	businesses, service groups, Extension, Chambers, Kiwanis, etc. to		months
	partner with them and make a collaborative effort to provide		
	services in our county.		
	Meetings will be held in Spirit lake, Milford/Terril and Lake Park.		

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Goal	Strategies	responsible?	(Timeline)
To become a lowa Healthy	Provide low rate screenings for a period of time each year. Like	Hospital	within 10 months
Community	scans and health profiles		
	Dietitian can be used to provide Healthy nutritional in-services.		

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To become an Iowa Healthy	Do assessment testing. Have been done at the hospital and	YMCA	within the next 10
Community	YMCA. May also include schools and businesses.		mo.

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Goal	Strategies	responsible?	(Timeline)
To become an Iowa Healthy	Hold Fan Camp at Camp Foster	YMCA	to be held this
Community			summer 2011

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
To become an Iowa Healthy	Scholarships offered by the YMCA for people that cannot afford	YMCA	ongoing the next
Community	programs and camps		10 months

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Goal	Strategies	responsible?	(Timeline)
To become an Iowa Healthy	Kuoo to help with getting messages out to the communities with	Steve Schwaller	ongoing as needed
Community	PSA's and interviews of what the multidisciplinary group is doing		for next 10
	and services available in our county.		months

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To become an Iowa Healthy	Seasons Center has a 24 hour help line. We will help educate the	Seasons, Mary,	Ongoing next 10
Community	public that the helpline is available by distributing flyers and	KUOO	months
	other education		

Access to Physician Care. Due to no insurance and unemployment (7.7).

Transportation: Lack of financial resources for low income population.

Wellness Programs: LRH has begun a wellness program. The Bedell Family YMCA and numerous other exercise facilities are available.